THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The Commissioner of Labour received copy of a letter addresed by the Union to the management.

" (b) The workers' Union is being advised that the workers may file claim petitions under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947."

Hours of duty for male and female nursing orderlies in Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras.

* 1093 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the male and female nursing orderlies in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras, have to do duty for 22 hours at a stretch; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Amount allotted to the Local Library Authority, Tanjore district, for 1952–53.

* 1094 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted to the Local Library Authority, Tanjore district, for the year 1952–53; and

(b) the amount spent by them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to the Government contribution sanctioned under section 13 (3) of the Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948, to the Local Library Authority, Tanjore district, for the year, 1952–53. The amount so sanctioned for that year is Rs. 36,608–14–9.

" (b) The expenditure incurred by the Authority during 1952–53 is Rs. 11,059."

Satyagraha staged by the members of the Scheduled Castes Federation in North Arcot and Salem districts on 17th August 1953.

* 1095 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the members of the Scheduled Castes Federation staged any satyagraha (picketing) in front of the schools run by the Director of Harijan Welfare in the districts of North Arcot and Salem on Monday, the 17th August 1953;

(b) how many members were picketing;